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# Milbank Manufacturing closes Indiana facility, moves work to Kansas City

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Kansas City-based Milbank Manufacturing is closing an Indiana facility, meaning more work for the company's Kansas City facility.

The Kokomo, Ind., plant is set to close May 1. The plant, which opened in 1950, has produced meter socket products. Now, its products will be made in Milbank factories in Kansas City; El Dorado, Ark.; and Concordia, Mo.

"This action is required to balance manufacturing capacity with the reduction in sales created by the ongoing economic downturn, thus improving our competitive position in an increasingly demanding electrical products market," Milbank CEO Layton Winkler said in a release.



In an interview, Winkler said the Indiana plant was its smallest, which was one reason for the closing. The housing industry took a big hit with the recession, and forecasts indicate that it will be several years before conditions near normal levels, he said.

"It's never good when these things happen," Winkler said.

The Kansas City plant, Milbank's largest, employs about 250.

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